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U.S. EVACUEES ARRIVE

900-MILE JOURNEY FROM HANKOW

Party Of 35 Women And Children

Indicating the seriousness of the Communist menace in Central China as well as in North China, the first batch of American evacuees arrived in Hong Kong from Honan province last night, after travelling some 900 miles by railway from Hankow to Kowloon.

On the instructions of Mr. Leonard Bacon, American Consul in Hankow, 35 American women and children, accompanied by Mr. E. D. Dahlstrom, in charge, boarded a through train from Hankow on Saturday morning and reached Kowloon at 9.10 p.m. yesterday.

The women included Miss Ruth Gilbertson, Miss Lillian Landahl, Miss Gertrude Sovik, Mrs. Selma Lindell, Miss Hanna Hanson, and Mrs. Dahlstrom. Most of the party was made up of school children.

With their arrival here last night, the entire American school at K. Kung Shan ("Cock's Mountain"), some 100 miles north of Hankow on the Hupoh-Honan border, has been evacuated.

The children had just recently returned there from their vacation and were about to resume classes.

Miss Gilbertson, principal of the school, told the "China Mail" at the Kowloon Railway Station last night that there was much military activity in Honan. She disclosed that as there was danger of their being isolated by the Communists, they were advised by the American Consul in Hankow to evacuate to Kowloon and to resume classes elsewhere preferably in Hong Kong.

Kien Sing Total Loss

The 6,000-ton Chinese freighter "Kien Sing," grounded at Chi-liao Point 11 days ago, has now been abandoned as a total loss. The master, Captain Troyan, and the skeleton crew of seven who remained in the ship until dawn yesterday arrived in the Colony later in the afternoon on board a Chinese Customs launch.

The freighter was carrying 4,000 tons of iron ore from Hainan Island to Japan when it went aground in heavy fog 80 miles northeast of Hong Kong on Feb. 28.

AMERICAN WOMEN KILLED

Paris, Mar. 8. A French communique from Saigon announced today the slaying of two American women employed at the U.S. Consulate-General in Indo-China.

The bodies of the women—Jeanne R. Stewes and Lydia Ruth James—were found last night in a dry river bed in which they had driven a jeep. They had been shot to death.

"Before withdrawing, the attackers had set fire to the jeep. There has been no explanation of the reasons which led these two girls to such a distant spot, unfrequented by Europeans."

The location was given as near the village of Tan Son Nhut, some three miles from Saigon and outside the security zone maintained by the French. It was a wooded area with a few huts and a small stream.

The bodies were found by a French patrol on March 7. They were taken to the U.S. Consulate for identification.

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JAPANESE LEAVE H.K.



Carrying their own belongings packed in canvas, sheets, gunny bags, bamboo baskets and pieces of old cloth, 70 Japanese boarded the troopship, "Dilwara" for Kure yesterday.

Thirty-seven of the Japanese were the crew who brought the salvage tug, "Carmen Moller" to Hong Kong on Feb. 25 from Japan. The tug was seized by the Japanese when the Pacific War broke out.

The other 33 included Japanese personnel, until recently attached to the Hong Kong War Crimes Tribunal, returning home, convicted war criminals who have completed their sentences at Stanley, and war criminal suspects against whom charges have been dropped owing to insufficient evidence.

In the picture above, the 70 Japanese, the majority in army uniforms, are seen boarding a landing craft at Queen's Pier for the "Dilwara"—China Mail Photo.

No News From Szepingkai

(By Harold K. Mills)

Nanking, Mar. 8. The National Defence Ministry has been without news from Szepingkai for the past 24 hours, a spokesman said. He blamed poor radio communications rather than Communist conquest of that city for the lack of information.

The spokesman declined to confirm the loss of this stronghold which fought off two strong Communist assaults since May, 1946. He insisted that the Government expected to renew its communications with the city soon.

The "Hsin Min Pao" reported in dispatches from Peiping that "situation at Szepingkai was calm," without explaining the meaning of that report. The same dispatch said the Government recovered Paminchenz on the outskirts of Szepingkai, as well as Manchang, another town, east of Heimin.

While there were few direct reports from Manchuria available here, it appears the tempo of fighting in which the Government had taken successive defeats from the Red armies is slowing.

Meanwhile, Government sources said they were "most encouraged" at the progress made toward the opening of the Chinese-Hainan corridor for the movement of supplies and reinforcements into Mukden.

Qualified military observers said they were puzzled by reports published both in the Chinese and foreign press in China that "trained" reinforcements were en route from Taiwan to the North-east.

No "trained" troops exist in Taiwan, where the recently established Chinese divisional training centre has hardly more than started its operations.

The transfer of these completely green men to the North-east would, in the opinion of the qualified observers here, add "another in the long chain of Government military errors."

Promises made by Nationalist leaders to send strong reinforcements into the North-east would likely be hard to fulfill, these observers said, since well trained and equipped troops under the Government command were already committed to other assignments.—Associated Press.

Pingtung, Mar. 8. Chinese and American Army officers stationed at the South Taiwan Chinese Army training base claim that almost every recent report about the base is incorrect.

A statement made in the United States that Americans are training tax divisions for Chinese is widest off the mark. Only one division is at present being trained here, entirely by Chinese. A handful—scarcely 30—American Army men serve only in an advisory capacity and seldom go near the training fields or troops.

Another report that the Pingtung base has already shipped off some trained troops for China's battlefield, brought denials from the Chinese officers, who say the camp has not been in operation long enough for that.

One division is being trained here and it includes the first and only batch of recruits to reach Taiwan since the base was set up.—Associated Press.

U-Saw Application For Retrial Rejected

Rangoon, Mar. 8.

The Rangoon High Court today dismissed the application for a retrial by U-Saw, former Burmese Premier under sentence of death for his part in the assassination of U Aung San, and other Burmese Cabinet Ministers last July.

The decision of the court was announced after a two-hour session. After recapitulating the case, the judge said that the prosecution had established a clear case against U-Saw and the other accused who played a vital part in the conspiracy.

"There is no judicial reason reducing the sentence of the special tribunal," U-Saw applied for a retrial after being sentenced to death by a special tribunal on December 30 for complicity in the

assassination of Aung San and his Cabinet colleagues.

The counsel for U-Saw then declared that the original tribunal set up by the former British Governor, Sir Hubert Rance, had no jurisdiction to try the case, and that U-Saw had no effective legal assistance until the arrival of Mr. Derek Chisholm from London.

The hearing was held in the presence of a British judge, Mr. Justice Glynne, and a Burmese judge, Mr. Justice

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U.S. FOOD SHIPMENTS

Washington, Mar. 8.

The value of food shipped abroad last year was the second highest in United States history.

The Commerce Department reported this, said food exports totaled \$2,344,000,000, second only to 1919's total of \$2,441,000,000.

Imports of food were the second highest in history, too, totaling \$2,171,000,000, or only \$170,000,000 less than 1919's total of \$2,341,000,000.

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Kowloon Reports Ridiculed

Nanking, Mar. 8. A British Embassy spokesman today ridiculed Chinese press reports that agreement has been reached in the Kowloon and Shamen incidents and that the terms would be made public in the next few days. He said negotiations were still proceeding but that as yet they had only reached the stage of discussing a compromise solution.

Referring to the indemnity, the spokesman said the British authorities had received no further advice on this matter since the Chinese Government announced its intention "to pay in accordance with international law." That was weeks ago, he added.

The spokesman explained that the British had asked the Chinese Foreign Office for full reports on the Government's investigations into the Shamen incident but that these were still awaited.

Shortly after the burning of the British Consulate and other British property in Shamen on January 16, both the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs sent an investigation commission to Canton. Although a Foreign Office spokesman admitted two weeks ago that their inquiry had been concluded, he said that the reports were being studied by the Government.

Chinese Exports Drive

Shanghai, Mar. 8.

A new movement for the promotion of export of Chinese products was launched in the city at a gathering sponsored by Dr. Wong Wen-hao, Chairman of the National Resources Commission.

The meeting decided to organize a special committee for the official inauguration of an "export drive."

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Informal Requests

British authorities in Nanking said informal requests had been made to Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, Chinese Foreign Minister, for copies of these reports and they were told they would be made available when the investigations were concluded.

The British spokesman added that the question of compensation was one of outstanding difficulty.—Reuter-AAP.

To Be Tried

Twenty-nine alleged instigators of the "Shamen Incident" on Jan. 16, when the British Consulate was sacked and gutted by fire, will shortly be tried by a Special Tribunal, not the Canton District Court, according to Chinese press messages from Canton last night.

The 29 persons were first interrogated by the legal section of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Headquarters in Canton. Later they were transferred to the Canton District Court for trial.

Instructions that a Special Tribunal be established to try the case were received from Nanking on Saturday.

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PAASIKIVI PENNING HIS REPLY

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An official statement is expected later in the day.—Associated Press.

HMS 'Mendip' On Loan To China

Fortsmouth, Mar. 8. The destroyer "Mendip," arriving here today to be prepared for a transfer on loan to the Chinese Navy. She is the eleventh British warship to be lent to China since the end of the war.

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Refugee



Stanislaw Anlar, young Czech student, who was arrested in Prague for an anti-Communist speech, but managed to escape across the border into Germany. Hundreds are trying to do the same thing.

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The Weather

Forecast for March 9 (from Eastern and Yellow Sea). Pressure has fallen over China generally, being lowest over W. and NW. China and over Japan. A weak ridge of relatively high pressure extends along the 35° N. parallel. The local depression of Hakkaido continues to move E.

Today's forecast—Mild, all winds, plenty of sun, but few morning and evening mists and some occasional drizzle some clearing during the day. Warm.

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TRIBUNAL DECISION NOT TO FIX RENT UPHELD

Fleet In Singapore

Singapore, Mar. 8. Twenty-one guns of the U.S. aircraft carrier "Valley Forge" thundered in salute today as U.S. Task Force 38 arrived on a courtesy visit. Later today the British Pacific Fleet also is scheduled to anchor here. This will make one of the largest concentrations of Anglo-American seapower in South-East Asia since the war. — Associated Press.

Telephone Cables Damaged

The vigilance of Captain Rogers and two other officers of the Royal Signals, Lyemun Barracks, on March 7 at 4 a.m. led to the appearance of 26-year-old unemployed Ho King at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. F. X. d'Almada charged with maliciously damaging telephone cables. Defendant was remanded three days at the request of DS1 Chek Ho-ka.

Capt. Rogers arrested Ho, who was seen stripping the cables with three others not in custody. A trench was dug up for a considerable distance and about 150 feet of cables damaged.

"RESIDING ON BOARD"

Fung Tai-sing (60) residing on board boat 205Y, and Chan Ming (32) of 607 Reclamation Street, first floor, were remanded for three days when they appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of larceny of four drums of petrol and a 4-gallon tin of oil from No. 1 Landing Craft in the Yumail Typhoon Shelter at 5.55 a.m. on March 7.

Det. Inspector Hemmley is in charge of the case.

FIREMAN ACQUITTED

Fireman 265, Kung King-tak, of the Central Fire Brigade, was acquitted by Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam at Central Magistracy yesterday when a serious charge against him was reviewed on the application of Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

Fung, who had been fined \$75 by Mr. Conklin, had his fine refunded. He was not represented legally when tried last month.

RADIO

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12.15 p.m.—Studio: Religious Talk to Children.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.52 p.m.—"Here We Are Again" with Rita Williams, Max Bacon, Harry Hobson, Joseph McCall, Fossie Clubman and Anton & Orch.

1.02 p.m.—Memories of Kate De Costa.

1.16 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.20 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Band of H. M. Goldstream Guards with Dennis Noble, (Bristol).

6.00 p.m.—Studio: Children Story "Peter Duck" by Arthur Ransome. No. 1 Episode "The Quay Side" told by Captain Flint.

6.30 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Concert with Greta Gately (Soprano).

6.50 p.m.—Studio: "See You" on Sport.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

7.16 p.m.—Studio: Soft Falset at the Piano.

7.35 p.m.—Studio: Stage and Screen Favourites presented by Aileen Woods.

8.00 p.m.—Madrigal Symphony Orchestra. "Suite Iberia" (Albeniz).

8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Merry-Go-Round."

9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

10.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.31 p.m.—Studio: A Talk by the Rev. Father T. V. Ryan, S.J., Great Convent—Lisbon.

10.44 p.m.—The Music of Liszt.

10.50 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News Reel.

10.58 p.m.—Old Dance Forms.

10.59 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: Dance to Ambrose and His Orch. and Anne Shelton to sing.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

RIP KIRBY

YOU'VE BEEN VERY HELPFUL. I'VE GOT ENOUGH TO JAIL PRISCILLA BLEAK FOR LIFE. IF I CAN ONLY FIND HER!

GOOD LUCK, MR. KIRBY! WE MAY GET THERE FIRST!

PLENTY OF CLUES, BUT A VERY COLD TRAIL... PRISCILLA! WHERE ART THOU?

WHERE PRISCILLA BLEAK IS? IT'S ALL KITTEN, OUR CREAM! I'VE GETTING LOW. I NEED! BUT THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE PAPER THAT POINTS THE WAY TO MORE CREAM!

MRS. CREEK STARLOCK PLEASE!

BY ALEX. RAYMOND

THE PURGE OF COMMUNIST CZECH JOURNALISTS, SHIFTED TODAY TO LONDON.

Dr. Eugen Kirdy, London correspondent of the "Pravda" (the Communist Party of the Soviet Union) was dismissed with immediate effect, owing to changed circumstances.

Dr. Kirdy worked for 25 years with the "Pravda" (the Communist Party of the Soviet Union) and was one of the most prominent writers in the paper.

Another Czech correspondent, Karel Albrecht, working for the "Pravda" (the Communist Party of the Soviet Union) was also dismissed.

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No Power To Do So In The Circumstances

An appeal by Cheung Mun-kia (appellant), against the refusal of a Tenancy Tribunal to fix the rent of 65 Nam Chang Street, Ground Floor, or to call upon Lam Yat-wah (respondent) to answer the case, was dismissed yesterday by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Pulaski Judge).

Mr. E. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Peter Shih, appeared for the appellant, while respondent was represented by Mr. A. E. Arculli.

On July 16, the appellant applied to the Tenancy Tribunal for an eviction order against respondent, who was in occupation of 65 Nam Chang Street, Ground Floor. It was alleged that respondent was in arrears with payment of rent for the premises from Nov. 1945 to the date of the application. The Tribunal, however, the Tenancy Tribunal, the latter was requested to fix the rent of the premises, but refused to do so.

Mr. Bernacchi submitted that under Article 4 of the Tenancy Ordinance, the Tribunal had power to fix the rent under the application originally made. He said that the Tribunal was wrong in refusing to fix the rent when requested by both parties to do so. The Court was therefore asked to fix the rent as from Oct. 1, 1945, at \$150 per month.

"Wrong In Law" Further at 3 in the alternative, Mr. Bernacchi submitted that the Tribunal was wrong in law in not calling upon the respondent to answer the case or to hear the case de novo.

Finally, the appellant asked that the decision of the Tribunal in refusing to make an eviction order should be reversed. For such order be made, that respondent be further ordered to pay rent or mesne profits from Oct. 1, 1945, at the rate of \$150 per month.

Replying, Mr. Arculli submitted that under Article 4 of the Tenancy Ordinance, the Tribunal could not fix the rent. It was the case of respondent that there was a standard rent as regards the premises, which had been let before the war. Therefore, the Tribunal had no power to fix the rent. He submitted that the Tribunal was quite correct in refusing to fix the rent, although asked to do so by both parties, because it had no power. Furthermore, there was no question of amendment. Apart from the law on the subject, the Tribunal could not amend, as it was a question of fresh proceedings altogether, requiring different forms of application and different evidence.

Second Point As to the second point raised by Mr. Bernacchi, Mr. Arculli submitted that the Tribunal was quite right in its finding, because appellant had brought no evidence at all as to the amount of rent which was payable in respect of the premises. From the evidence it appeared that the respondent was paying \$150.

The evidence of the appellant, in examination-in-chief, was that in Nov. 1945, she found the respondent in possession and went with her relative, Chan Yuet-wan, and approached respondent for rent. She said that respondent that the pre-war rent was \$150. Chan Yuet-wan, in her evidence, said that appellant demanded \$150 and that respondent offered to pay \$80. There was no evidence that the parties arrived at an agreement. Appellant treated respondent as a tenant, not trespasser. The legal rent of the premises not having been established, it was not possible for the Tribunal to make an eviction order.

Mr. Arculli submitted that appellant made a fatal error in not having given proper legal notice as to what amount should have been paid by way of rent. He asked that the appeal be dismissed on both grounds.

Judgment. Mr. Justice Gould said that as to the first ground, he held that the Tribunal did not exercise its discretion wrongly in refusing to fix the rent, particularly in the view of the Court, because it had no power to do so in the circumstances. There was a standard rent, payable by evidence. Article 4 (b) was intended to apply to those cases where, by reason of circum-

No Fords For Stalin

Stockholm, Mar. 8. Henry Ford II says: "We do not want to do business with Russian-dominated countries."

The Ford Motor Company head, concluding a month's business and goodwill trip to European countries, said he had not planned to go to Finland because he did not want to "get involved with the Russians" — Associated Press.

Huge Business Centre For The New Territories

A 600,000-square-foot business centre to cater for all the villages in the New Territories is now being constructed at Shatin, a short distance from the Shatin railway station.

The centre will have at least 200 shops and a number of fresh food and meat markets along 12 streets.

Blue-prints are also being mapped for a hotel and theatre in the vicinity.

Hid Gold To Keep It From Pickpockets

"It is natural for people carrying gold and money to hide it in the inside pockets of their jackets as a protection against pickpockets," declared Li Tan, 48-year-old professor of a university at Kunming, when charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with importing 10 tolas (approximately 3.75 ounces) of gold, valued at \$1,150, without a permit.

Revenue Officer Knox said that the two gold bars were found in the inner pockets of defendant's shirt when he arrived at the K.C.R. Station, from Canton, at 9.30 p.m. on March 8.

Defendant stated that he was a professor of a university at Kunming, and that the gold represented his savings over a long period.

"The Police Are Coming!"

"The Police are coming. Run." This was allegedly the warning shouted by Chow Hung, 42-year-old shop fook, to hawkers at Canton Road near Nelson Street when he saw a Police party, under Sub-Inspector Thomas, on March 6. The hawkers took his warning and disappeared, and the only person which SI Thomas could get hold of was Chow Hung.

Charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with obstructing SI Thomas in the execution of his duty, Chow was found guilty and remanded for 24 hours for his record to be produced.

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth prosecuted.

CASE TO BE RE-HEARD

An application for a re-hearing of the "heroin pills case" involving Cheung Lun, who was sentenced to two years' hard labour for possessing the pills last week, was granted by Mr. F. X. d'Almada to defence counsel, Mr. M. da Silva.

Mr. da Silva said that defendant was not represented legally when tried and that the case was not presented in full. He added that there would be fresh evidence.

The re-hearing was fixed for April 6 at 12 p.m. at Central Magistracy.

Pickpocket Stole \$500,000

Had 19-year-old Tam Ying known about it, he would have kept his hands out of the other's pocket.

Tam picked the pocket of a fellow passenger aboard a tram in Des Voeux Road, Central, and found that his bag amounted to CN\$500,000.

Charged with stealing from the person, Tam was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Shanghai Rice Prices Still Soaring

Shanghai, Mar. 8. The price of rice continued to soar today despite the warning of city officials that drastic punishment would be meted out to rice merchants caught "reaping huge profits on the black market."

Irregularities in the rationing of rice as well as the general slump of the Chinese dollar are believed to be responsible for the skyrocketing of rice to CN\$4,000,000 per picul of 170 lb.—a jump of CN\$600,000 over quotations last Saturday.

An official of the newly created Rice Ration Committee said the supply of rationed rice—consisting of 50 per cent Chinese Government stocks—was "adequate for the city's population" and that additional shipments due to arrive here within the next 10 days would include 220,000 bags of rice.

The "non-cooperative" attitude on the part of rice retailers is reported to have enabled blackmarket dealers to reap large profits. Designated rice shops are said to have refused to sell rice at the ration price (CN\$2,400,000), explaining that they had sold out their supplies.

Buyers, however, are told that "free" rice is still available at quotations between CN\$3,500,000 and CN\$4,000,000, or more than CN\$1,000,000 over the ration price.

Investigations by city government authorities and police, which started today, are expected to bring about a gradual lowering of the "free" rice price.—Reuter.

Ruhr Coal Output On Increase

Berlin, Mar. 8. The American Military Government reported today there has been an encouraging upturn in coal production in the Ruhr, vital factor in Western Europe's economic recovery.

Hard coal production has averaged 270,000 metric tons daily for three weeks last month and is still rising, the monthly summary on occupation affairs reported. The daily average for January was 282,000 tons.

The gain was recorded despite the fact there has been little improvement in the general food situation in the Ruhr, where the winter months were marked by hunger strikes in many factories.

With production going up, the report said, special efforts are being made to increase coal exports to Germany's western neighbours to make no quotas which are in arrears.

An improved transport situation, aided by an unusually mild winter in Germany, has speeded the movement of coal from the mines to industries, the report continued. The stockpile of merchantable coal at the pits thus had a new five-month flow of 1,500,200 tons.

Industrial production in the U.S. occupation zone improved slightly during January to a rate 51 percent of the 1936 level. Best records were made in vehicle manufacturing and textile production.—Associated Press.

COMMUNIST EXECUTIONS

Communists in the Central Bushy town of Yunnan have publicly executed three people who refused to pay taxes to the Communist-established "Independent Government" in the district. It was authoritatively stated in Yunnan.

Despite Communist denials, Communists are conducting a hinterland terror campaign, which is breaking down successful administration in the district, a high reliable source told the Associated Press.—Associated Press.

Duty Of A Japanese Officer

"It was the duty of a Japanese officer to learn the personality of his subordinates and to know also whether they were capable of leading prisoners secretly," Captain Koyama Shiroo told the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court yesterday.

The third of the 16 alleged Japanese war criminals now on trial before the four-man tribunal for mistreating some 600 Allied prisoners of war and causing the death of 150 Australian and Dutch POWs on Hainan Island between 1942 and 1945, Shigoo entered the witness box yesterday after second defendant Captain Kawamura Shinichi finished his four-day testimony.

If there were any beatings of prisoners, the former Japanese Navy officer said it was his officers' responsibility and his. If the prisoners worked too much they were given a day's rest, adding that they did not work on live shells.

Hearing was adjourned to today at 9.30 a.m. when Shigoo is expected to finish his testimony.

The tribunal consists of Lt. Col. H. G. Quinn, DSO, ED, (President), Lt. Col. T. J. Borch (Judge Advocate), with Major N. McCleod and Lt. R. Carter sitting as members. The 16 defendants are represented by Mr. Inoue Iano and Okuhara Kinsaburo, with Lt. Soster as Advisory Officer. Major Grant McIntyre, Australian Div., SCAP, GHQ (Tokyo), is prosecuting, with Major A. MacKay, of the same division, assisting.

Pope On Economic Recovery

Vatican City, Mar. 8. Pope Pius XII says the nations' rivalry for power prevents the world's return to economic order.

Goods, he told a national conference on foreign trade yesterday, "have become the object of political speculation," so has the main himself, lowered in so many cases to the status of an article for exploitation.

"We watch unhappily," he said, "the action of a policy which is only a race for power and hegemony."

His address, as often happens when he speaks on Sunday, was not released for publication till today.

The Pope said disorder in the field of economic exchange is due partly to differences of opinion, partly to deeper causes. "Some proposed a return to a world economy such as there was in the last century," he said. "Others sustain a regional union of single economies."—Associated Press.

Red Purge Shifts To London

London, Mar. 8. The purge of anti-Communist Czech journalists, shifted today to London.

Dr. Eugen Kirdy, London correspondent of the "Pravda" (the Communist Party of the Soviet Union) was dismissed with immediate effect, owing to changed circumstances.

Dr. Kirdy worked for 25 years with the "Pravda" (the Communist Party of the Soviet Union) and was one of the most prominent writers in the paper.

Another Czech correspondent, Karel Albrecht, working for the "Pravda" (the Communist Party of the Soviet Union) was also dismissed.

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Notice is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th March, 1948, to the 17th March, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
Hong Kong, 20th Feb. 1948.
C. E. TERRY
Manager & Secretary.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the thirty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hong Kong Hotel Building, on Friday, the 19th March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 5th March, 1948 to the 19th March, 1948 both days inclusive.

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Notice is hereby given that the ordinary yearly general meeting of shareholders of the Company will be held at the head office of the Company, 6 Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on Monday the 16th March, 1948, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1947, and for the appointment of auditors and declaration of dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from the 5th day of March to 16th March, 1948 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. S. YUAN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 4th March, 1948.

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, Hongkong on Wednesday, 24th day of March, 1948, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 10th to the 24th day of March, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1948.

NOTICE THE HONGKONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the meeting is postponed to Tuesday, 9th March 1948 at 5.30 p.m. at the Y. W. C. A., Rutton Building, Duddell Street.

Agenda: — To receive reports and accounts for the past year.
To review and, if thought fit, revise the constitution and policy of the Association.
To elect officers.
T. P. WU,
Hon. Secretary.

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EX-GUNNERS ROLL OF HONG KONG

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Volunteer Headquarters, by kind permission of the Officer Commanding H.K.V.D.C., on Wednesday, 10th March at 12.00 hrs. All who have served at any time in any rank, but who are no longer serving, in the Royal Regiment of Artillery are cordially invited to attend.
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THREE BRITISH PROTESTS Notes Handed To Argentine Warships Navy Snubbed By Peron Craft

(By Frederick Jones, Reuters Special Correspondent)

On board HMS Nigeria, Antarctica, Mar. 6. The British ships taking the Governor of the Falkland Islands, Mr. Miles Clifford, on his tour of the Islands' Dependencies, today handed out three protests—two to the Argentines and one to the Chileans—and finally made contact with the Argentine minesweeper, Parker, which was reported earlier this week to have warned the Norwegian fishing vessel, Bratteg, off Antarctic waters.

The protests were made to two Argentine ships in harbour at Deception Island and a protest was signalled to the Chilean naval base over which a Chilean ensign flew at Discovery Bay in British-owned Greenwich Island.

The cruiser Nigeria and the ship Snipe, which passed the Parker steaming at great speed towards Deception Island on Friday after the British had protested to the Argentine. Lieutenant there, arrived off the island today in brilliant sunshine.

Protest Served
HMS Snipe entered the harbour and served a formal protest on the Parker.

NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 5/48.

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DETAILS:—Commencing on Tuesday 9th March 1948, and until further notice, borings will be undertaken by barges anchored in the above area.

REMARKS:—The barges will fly a large red flag by day and show a red light at night.

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J. JOLLY,
Director of Marine.
Marine Department,
H.K., 5th March, 1948.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Henry Stephen Jones of The Hongkong Electric Company, Limited, Victoria Hongkong, 2nd Lieutenant Hongkong Volunteer Defence Force, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 2nd day of April, 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 6th day of March, 1948.

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ARGENTINA ON COLONIES

Buenos Aires, Mar. 7. The Argentine does not, and will not, recognise colonial possessions in America. Senator Hortacio Quijano, President of the Argentine Senate, said in reply to a communication sent him by Senator Victor Manuel Giordani, President of the Guatemalan Congress.

Senator Giordani had forwarded Senator Quijano a protest from Guatemala to the British House of Commons against the despatch of warships to Belize.

Bishop Halward On China

Los Angeles, Mar. 8. The Rt. Rev. N. V. Halward, Assistant Bishop of Kwangtung Province in China, believes the Chinese people are becoming disillusioned and disappointed in China's National Government.

Bishop Halward, a Briton who has been in China 23 years, is here on a vacation tour of the United States with several Chinese missionaries, including Deaconess Lei Tim Oi, one of the few ordained women in China.

"Inflation has reached the point where 120,000 Chinese dollars equal one American dollar," Bishop Halward explained. "What little communications there were have not been restored since they were wiped out by the war. Because rice is too costly for use in paying teachers, there are no schools. That is why the people are disillusioned."

He said he believed the Chinese were most disappointed, not with Chiang Kai-shek himself, but with his advisers.—Associated Press.

3,000 MPH US Rocket

Washington, Mar. 7. A new U.S. Navy rocket has shot 78 miles into the sky and hit a speed of 3,000 miles.

This is the highest and fastest an American missile has ever gone. But it is still far short of the marks set by the wartime German V-2. The German missile has reached 114 miles and about 3,500 miles an hour.

The former American record was 34 miles altitude and 2,100 miles, made by the Army's "Wac Corporal."

The new mark was set by the liquid-fueled "Aerobee." Its details of design and fuel are secret. Photographs of it in flight indicate it is of pencil-thin design, like the Wac Corporal, and contrasted with the bulkier glint of the V-2.

The Aerobee carried 150 pounds of instruments for recording cosmic ray activity. An initial group of 20 Aerobee rockets is being made for tests. The Navy did not indicate it made any attempt to guide the rocket in its flight.—Associated Press.

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Britain Holding Watching Brief

Lake Success, Mar. 7.

Britain will hold a watching brief as a consultant when the big-power talks on Palestine open tomorrow in the new Park Avenue offices of the Soviet Union's representative, M. Andrei Gromyko.

The future of Palestine now seems to rest squarely with the United States and Russia. The vital problems facing the representatives of the United States, France, the Soviet Union and China in tomorrow's talks are:

- 1.— Shall they recommend to the Security Council that there is a branch of the peace in Palestine calling for international armed action?
- 2.— Shall the Palestine Commission be empowered to start the forming of national militia for Palestine and to pile up stocks of arms for their eventual use?
- 3.— If the Big Powers are agreed that an international force is required to support the Commission, how shall this be composed and put into the field?
- 4.— Can the Security Council agree to recognise the Palestine Commission as the legal Government of Palestine between May 15 and Oct. 1, when the Jewish and Arab States theoretically come into full sovereignty?

Wider Questions

These are the main questions arising out of United Nations action so far taken, but in the background there are wider questions not strictly within the purview of the United Nations. The big powers will, it is understood, have to consider how to deal with the Arab part of Palestine. One solution would be to declare it temporarily an international zone and keep law and order with an international force. The other eventuality, which has been very much in the air recently, is some arrangement with King Abdullah of Transjordan, whereby he would respect the Jewish State's independence.

Middle East experts in various delegations here believe that, as long as the Mufti of Jerusalem remains in power in the Arab part of Jerusalem, there will be continuing hostility towards the Jews, whereas King Abdullah's attitude is believed to be much more tolerant and compromising. This view is also shared by Jewish Agency representatives.

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General Election In Ulster?

Belfast, Mar. 7.

Political observers here forecast today that a general election in Northern Ireland may result from the banning of an anti-partition St. Patrick's Day demonstration planned to take place in Londonderry.

The Northern Ireland Minister for Home Affairs, Mr. E. Wainock, will explain to Mr. Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary, in London tomorrow the reasons which prompted the Northern Ireland Government to ban the demonstration. Mr. Wainock is likely to repeat his explanation to the Northern Ireland Government that the proposed route of the procession was "provocative" so that disorders were feared.

FASCISTS GET LET OFF

Rome, Mar. 7.

Italy's highest court last night annulled the life sentence against Lt-Gen Mario Roatta, Mussolini's chief of military intelligence, who was condemned in absentia in 1945 for complicity in the murder of the Socialist Roselli brothers in France in 1938.

Also absolved of the same crime were Fulvio Suvich, former Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs; Ferruccio Benini, Under-Secretary for Albania; and Francesco Jacomoni, Lieutenant General of Albania. — United Press.

Anti-Semitism In Germany Still

Frankfurt, Mar. 7.

The German people would willingly re-adopt the Hitler policy of slaughtering Jews if the American Army were not here to halt them, Mr. William Haber (American adviser on Jewish Affairs) told the United Press today.

Mr. Haber, General Clay's top expert on Jews, continued: "The American gun and American bayonet are the only security (for 140,000 Jews of American-occupied Germany). German feeling against the Jews is far worse now than at the end of the war."

The University of Michigan Economics Professor, after five weeks here, concluded that German anti-Semitism made "ridiculous" the idea that any Jews could be absorbed into German economy. "The unhappy Germans are looking for a scapegoat and a displaced person is a good scapegoat, just as the Jew was under Hitler. The Jewish DP is a better goat."

The fact that 30,000 Jews are living on German economy now Mr. Haber dismissed with the comment: "The occupation is no test, at all." He is pessimistic about chances of materially reducing Germany's Jewish DP population this year. He estimated that no more than 30,000 would leave this year, even under "ideal" immigration conditions in both the United States and Palestine. — United Press.

BOMB ALARM AT VICTORIA

London, Mar. 7.

The police tonight closed Victoria Station for half an hour while they searched for a bomb which was reported to be there by an anonymous telephone caller. The call was made to Scotland Yard shortly after 7 p.m. and said the bomb had been placed in the luggage office of platform 15. Yard officers and uniformed police cordoned the platform and made an intensive search which failed to turn up anything suspicious. — United Press.

American General's Escape

Athens, Mar. 7.

A despatch from Kilikis said that guerrillas tried unsuccessfully to dynamite a train carrying Maj-Gen James van Fleet, chief of the American military mission to Greece, and General Dmitros Yadzis, Greek Chief of Staff.

Greek officers removed four sacks containing 100 pounds of dynamite from the train three hours before the train passed the mined point ten miles south of Kilikis, en route to Salonika. Both Generals were en route to inspect 57th Brigade installations at Kilikis. Several American officers were in General van Fleet's party. Press despatches from Salonika said 100 guerrillas were killed and some 250 captured in continuing action in the snow-covered Mount Olympus and Mount Pieria sectors. Meanwhile, the Dodecanese Islands, ceded to Greece by Italy under the peace treaty, were officially incorporated into the Greek kingdom in an elaborate ceremony. Rhodes is the largest of the Islands. — United Press.

AUTHOR GASSES HIMSELF

Bloomington, Indiana, Mar. 7.

A verdict of suicide was returned today in the death of Ross Kockridge, Jr., 35, author of the best-selling novel "Rainbow County," who was found dead in his locked garage. Dr. Robert E. Lyons, Jr., Monroe County coroner, who returned the suicide verdict, said death was caused by carbon monoxide. He said he had not been able to determine the motive for suicide. — United Press.

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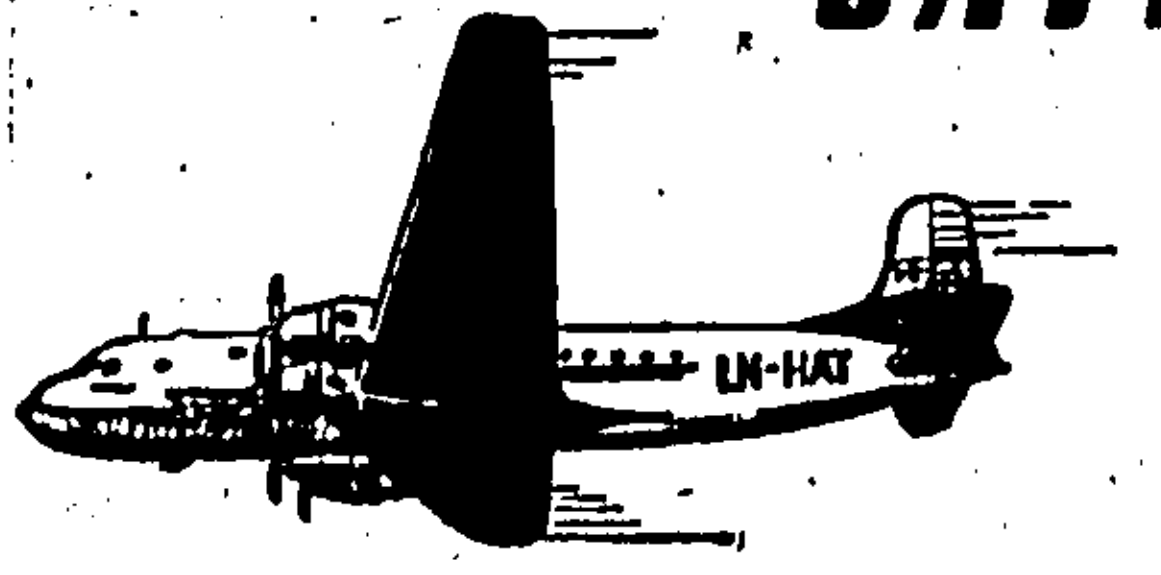
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Forces Massing Near Nablus

In Northern Palestine, Mar. 7.
The veteran Arab warrior Fawzi Bey al Kawkji inspected his armed forces today and declared: "Everything is ready. The battle starts when I give the word."
He said he entered Palestine two days ago over the Allenby Bridge. He assumed active command today.

Gottwald Calls On Dr. Benes

London, Mar. 7.
President Eduard Benes, of Czechoslovakia, received Mr. Klement Gottwald, Communist Prime Minister, at the President's home at Usti today, the Prague Radio reported.

This was their first announced meeting since Dr. Gottwald re-organised his Government at the end of February.

Mr. Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, was among the national leaders who today visited the grave at Lany of his father, Dr. Thomas Masaryk, first President of Czechoslovakia, on the 98th anniversary of his birth.

Mr. Masaryk, a non-party member of the new Communist-controlled Cabinet, stayed in office when the Prime Minister, Dr. Klement Gottwald, re-organised his Government.

Mr. M.J. Shuty, Chancellor to the Czech President, Dr. Eduard Benes, placed a wreath in the President's name on the grave of Czechoslovakia's President-liberator.—Reuter.

Pollitt On The Crisis

Brighton, Mar. 7.
Mr. Harry Pollitt, the Communist leader, told 2,500 people at a meeting here tonight that Britain's political and economic situation represented a crisis greater than that of the wartime retreat from Dunkirk.

He called for measures on a similar scale to those then taken, including nationalisation of the steel industry. Britain's prosperity depended, he said, not upon her ability to export wheat, Harris tweed and fine china, but upon her coal, textiles, steel and machinery.

The audience applauded Mr. Pollitt's declaration: "We are for bringing British troops home from Palestine and, if there is any trouble, after that, let the respective sides fight it out."

He added: "Let the Yanks come over and do the dirty work".—Reuter.

All Quiet On Gold Coast

Accra, Mar. 7.
Accra was quiet today after the riots of last week in which 21 were killed and 228 injured. Rumours were circulating in Accra today that Sir Gerald H. Creasy, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Gold Coast, had left by air for London for talks on the situation, but there was no confirmation of the reports.

(The Colonial Office in London tonight stated: "It is not expected that the Governor will come to London. So far as we know, there is nothing in these reports".—Reuter.)

TIN CONTRACT

Buenos Aires, Mar. 7.
Argentina has taken another step toward assuring herself of sufficient tinplate supplies, by signing a contract for the purchase of 40,000 tons of fine tin from Bolivia during the next five years.

The contract was one of six signed to implement last year's Bolivia-Argentina economic treaty.

The new contracts were not made public, as the price paid for the tin was not immediately available.—Associated Press.

A headquarters company of 50 men accompanied Fawzi Bey on his tour of Northern Palestine. They roared over winding blacktop roads in American-made jeeps, sleek motor-cars, and one armoured scout car such as the British police use.

In the village of Kabatliya, where Fawzi Bey made his headquarters when he fought British and Jews in the Arab revolt of the late thirties, he said:

"I have come to Palestine to stay and fight until Palestine is a free United Arab country or until I am killed and buried here."

He declined to discuss the actual fighting strength of his "army of liberation."

Strong Force

"Our strength is adequate and infinite," he said. "The armies have started flowing over the borders of Palestine and the flow will continue."

In Damascus, a senior official at the Ministry of Defence said today that "several thousand" Arab Army troops, augmented by thousands of Palestine Arabs, had massed at the Commander-in-Chief's headquarters near Nablus in Palestine.

He also said the troops had artillery, armoured cars, jeeps and heavy and light machine-guns.

No big news is expected to come from this headquarters for several days, the official said.

Truck Disabled

Meanwhile, Arab snipers today disabled an armoured truck driven by a Jew, riddled him with bullets and tossed his body into the back of the flaming vehicle. The incident occurred in the Sheikh Jarrah quarter of Jerusalem at sunset.

In other Palestine incidents, three Arabs were killed and 11 Arabs, five Jews and two British soldiers injured.

The unofficial death toll since partition was voted rose to 1,620.—Associated Press and United Press.

Vatican Official In Detention

Rome, Mar. 7.
Vatican circles have confirmed that Monsignor Giulio Guldette, former financial head of the Holy See, who resigned a month ago, is now detained in his apartments in the Vatican.

When Monsignor Guldette resigned after 12 months as Secretary for the administration of the goods of the Holy See, it was suggested that there might be a change in the Vatican administration.

It was thought that the various Palatine administrations of an economic or financial character might be unified under one man.

Reuter reported on Friday that Monsignor Eduardo Pretti-Pollini had escaped from the Vatican after being unfrocked and kept in custody for 40 days for "falsifications and swindles" while in a highly confidential post.

The Pope has ordered a rigorous investigation into the Cipicco affair.

Vatican circles said that sums which might have reached millions of lire had been paid out on false orders of payment and the fullest investigation was therefore necessary.

Monsignor Guldette was one of the highest officials. He must apparently remain in his apartments until the commission investigating the Cipicco affair makes its report.

Vatican circles did not attach much importance to the resignation of another official, Signor Lamberto Stoppa, the civilian engineer in charge of the Vatican's electrical and telephone services.

It was said that he had left his post because there had been some trouble about the materials for the telephone system and about the cost of the materials.—Associated Press.

ALBANIAN ACCUSATION

London, Mar. 7.
Albania today accused British and American officers of issuing orders for Greek frontier outrages, "acts of aggression and international banditry," which amounted almost to a "state of war with Albania."

The accusation, quoted by Tirana Radio, was contained in a list of 440 outrages. "These incidents are aimed at provoking a general conflagration in the Balkans and give a pretext for the aggression of America and Britain in the conflict," it was added.—Reuter.

DC-6's Back In The Air

Washington, Mar. 7.
DC-6 luxury airliners grounded after two fires in flight last November, will return to the airways on March 15 carrying the Government's safety stamp.

Two weeks later, President Truman's personal DC-6, "Independence," will be ready for operation again. Like other DC-6s, it was modified to eliminate fire hazards and for other corrections, but it is also undergoing its regular 500-hour check.

The return of the big ships was announced jointly by Douglas Aircraft Company, builder of the planes and the domestic users, American, United, National and Braniff Airlines.—United Press.

Appeal To Europe Democracies

London, Mar. 7.
The International Committee of Movements for European Unity, whose British section is led by Mr. Winston Churchill, today urged the European democracies to draw up a declaration of human rights and "consider means for the effective defence of these rights."

A statement, issued on behalf of the Committee, said that at a three-day meeting here, which ended today, it passed a resolution welcoming the Brussels Conference on Western unity of Britain, France and the Benelux States.

"The Committee emphasises the necessity for the immediate creation of a European inter-governmental council with an appropriate administrative staff capable of taking the emergency measures which the present political and economic situation demands," the resolution added.

Members of the International Committee of the Movements for European Unity include the Conseil Français Pour l'Europe (President—M. Herriot), the Union Europeenne des Federalistes (Chairman—Dr. Henri Brugmans), the United Europe Movement (Chairman—Mr. Winston Churchill), and the Independent League for European Economic Cooperation (Chairman—M. Paul Van Zeeland).

The organisation is sponsoring a Congress on European Unity at The Hague next day.

The British Labour Party has declined an invitation to participate.—Reuter.

B.A.T. Men's Fate In Yingkow

Peiping, Mar. 7.
Two British employees of the British-American Tobacco Company were believed to have left the Manchurian port of Yingkow when the Chinese Red Army captured it but the United States Consulate-General here disclaimed knowledge of any American citizens remaining there.

(According to a Chinese Communist broadcast, one United States citizen was captured at Yingkow as a member of an engineering gang of a Nationalist Government Navy LST.)

A high Consular official said, "To the best of our knowledge no Americans have been in Yingkow for some time."

In Peiping, a British-American official said he "thought" two British residents in Yingkow but he was not sure.—United Press.

DANGER OVER IN ITALY?

London, Mar. 7.
The danger of Italy's currency position, which even months ago threatened the country's whole economy, had now passed, said a member of the Italian Government today in a speech at Rome, according to Rome Radio.

(The present fluctuations of the exchange have only a temporary character, he added.)

CHINA AID

Arms As Well As Dollars?

Washington, Mar. 8.
The House of Representatives will insist on arms as well as dollars for China, the Speaker of the House (Representative Joseph Martin) said today.

Rep. Martin would not say how much he thought this country should give its wartime Far Eastern ally for arms and how much for general relief, but he said dollars without arms would be useless.

He has spoken in favour of military aid to China before, but never in such strong terms.

Rep. Martin today also predicted that it would be impossible for the House to act on the European recovery programme until some time after the April 1 deadline originally set by President Truman.

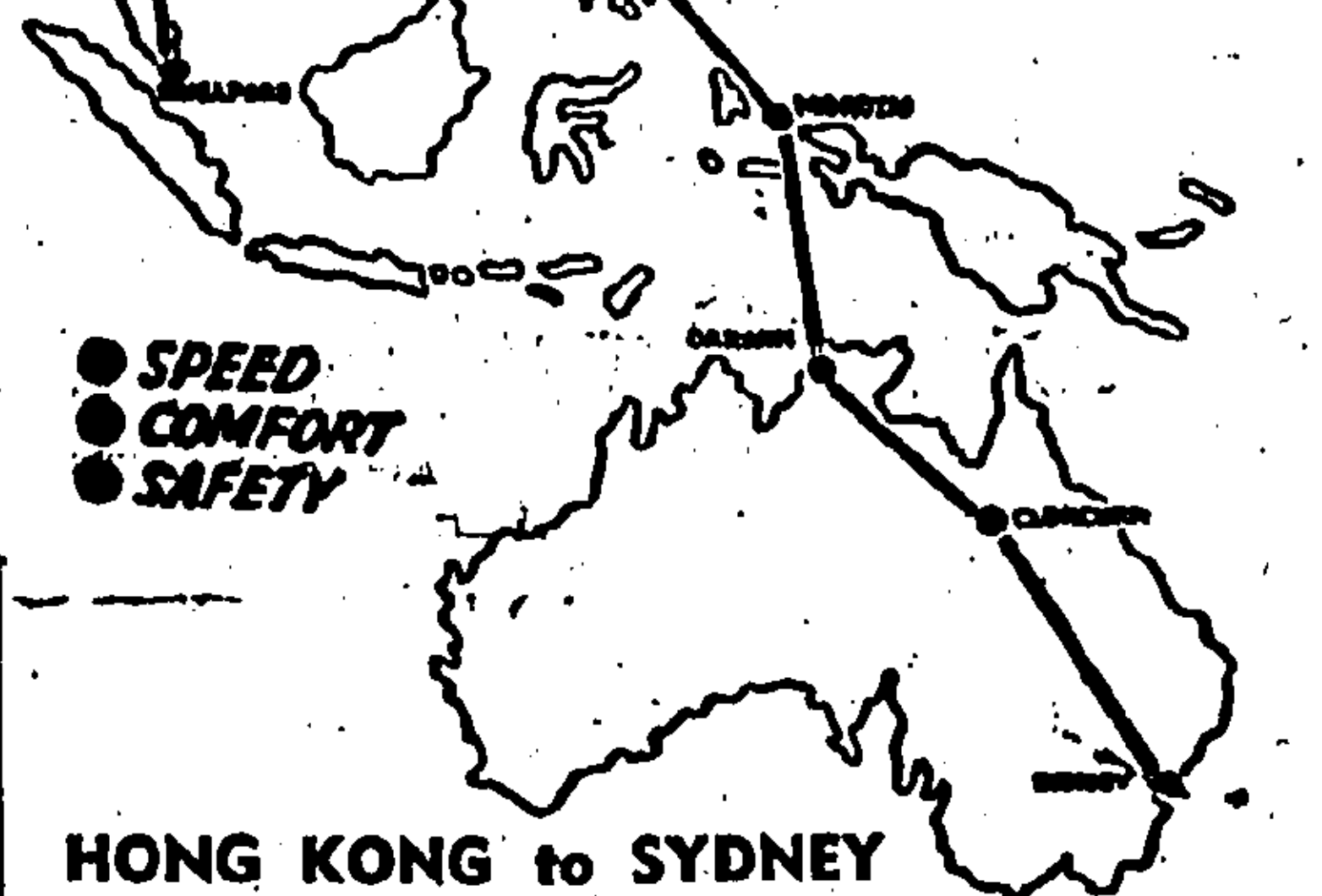
"This is no easy bill," he said. "You don't just snap this one through."

He said the House must act on several laws, including rent control, which were due to expire soon, before it could turn to the ERP.—United Press.

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SWIM.....And Stay Svelte

By Carolyn Earle

More people swim now than ever before. I don't mean only young things who are usually like a separate species of fish. Today we find among the not-so-young large numbers of swimmers who, often after a swimming lapse of years, have taken it up again in holiday mood and enjoy it immensely. They find it an agreeable, health-giving, and fun-making combination.

You can teach yourself, or, if you feel your courage lacks staying power, take lessons. Instructors are patient, helpful people who know how to instill confidence.

Just one note of warning—where there is any tendency to sinus trouble it is better to become expert in some landlubber activity, because then any water sport can be aggravating.

Anyone who can float can swim. Take the word of the experts who say "anyone who can remain on top of the water to the count of 20 can be swimming the backstroke in no time, because backstroke is built up from the normal floating position, and it calls for relatively little effort to acquire a strong stroke."

While you're changing into your swimsuit, here's another little thought: Swimming is one of the best figure-glamorizing sports known.

Particularly should this steel the determination of young women so concerned about eyes on the beach that they either prefer a swim in off hours, slide into the water at unfrequented points, or refrain from appearing at all, perhaps because hereditary tendencies and early diet didn't provide the sort of figure now considered most attractive.

To this group the best advice is to forget the gallery (probably not interested, anyway), because you can have much nicer lines than those you may be wearing.

MISS PRECIOUS MINUTES says:

To clean crystal lamp-bases, add a few drops of household ammonia to a small amount of clear water, apply with a soft cloth, then rinse and dry thoroughly.

Save bottle-caps. Sixty-four nailed to a board and kept outside back door will make an excellent footscraper for muddy paws. Two, nailed to a small piece of wood in an old handle, make a good fish scraper.

To remove coffee stains from a washable fabric, soak in water in which potatoes have been boiled. If any residue persists, it can usually be bleached with lemon juice.



Peggy Winterton, Britain springboard champion, executing a graceful back dive.

now by swimming into better shape.

In fresh or salt water, baths, river, pool, or ocean, swim as much as you can.

Swimming is a matter of timing, relaxation, and rhythm.

The first thing a swimmer learns is how little effort is required to keep on the surface of the water, and how to relax various groups of muscles while others keep the body afloat. It is this action that firms body

slackness, strengthens weakness, streamlines roundness, or curves angularity.

I think one of the nicest things of all is that it does work in this way for everyone, irrespective of whether the figure problem is hills or hollows. I cannot think of any other all-round exercise that can compare with swimming in this sense.

Both the conditioning and swimming programmes can be helped immensely by doing some "dry" swimming; for instance, swim the backstroke every day for a few minutes in bedroom or bathroom.

Stand in good posture, arms down at sides, feet 18 in. apart. Now, swing alternate arms up, around and down in wide, backward circles. Swing from the shoulders, slowly and rhythmically, inscribing huge circles. Start with 12 swings, increase to 20, and later to 40.

Or tackle it from the supine position, lying on the back on a towel, surface with clearance on both sides. Let the feet dangle over the edge so that they are flat on the floor, hands straight down at the sides.

First raise both arms up very slowly, circle them back over the head at full stretch, then down hard as in the backstroke. It is this downward pressure that counts. Try to touch the floor with the fingertips before swinging arms slowly back into the starting position. Start with 12 swings, gradually work up to 20. For a stretch and a lift, the Swedish "cross-to-fly," though not strictly a swim movement, is very good for the bustline, arms, and chest, performed in this way. From a standing position, arms crossed at wrists in front of the crossed legs, go up on the toes and fling the arms up and wide out to the sides. Down, up—this is meant to be a gay, rhythmic movement. Swing freely and loosely, repeat 12 times, then many. All right. Relax.

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

By Norah Alexander

We were holding a post-mortem on Joy Ricardo's Newest Look dress show when Anne Crawford said judiciously, "It takes a bit of getting used to, but these clothes are wearable."

"Och, yes," twinkled Kathleen Ryan, "Why, all you need's a little nerve."

That's true too. It shouldn't need any courage to wear a mild skirt in the local high-street, but it does. (It also needs high heels.)

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And possibly the local high-street is all the men's fault. Outside these islands millions of women cherish the Anthony Eden type as the ideal husband.

But our rugged island men have three serious drawbacks. They don't know much about women's clothes, they don't care much about women's clothes, and they haven't yet learnt to say the Right Thing about them at the Right Time.

Despite all our coupon troubles, the women of this country are better dressed now than ever before.

Does anybody ever tell them so?

The Styles Foretell

One man who takes an intelligent interest in our clothes is B. H. Liddell Hart, the military expert. He has a theory that in times of unrest Woman has always tended to exaggerate the size of her head, and flatten her figure into a masculine shape.

Conversely, when Women accentuate their natural shape with wide hips and handspan waists, we may expect a period of peace. It's a cheering thought.

Talking Swap

Returning from war to wardrobe, I wish Mr. Liddell Hart, or any other expert for that matter, could help us with the much more urgent problem: "What are we going to do about our Old Look clothes?"

So far I've found only one satisfactory solution, and that is to swap on the grand scale.

Ideally, you throw a swapping party, inviting every woman in the neighbourhood. Tell them to bring all the things they're tired of and can't afford to throw away.

My best swap to date has been with the wife of a Cabinet Minister. One of her sober, semi-official dresses today flaps fashionably about my calves.

We live And Yearn

Now that our shop windows are regaining much of their old fascination I find myself searching wistfully for some of those little gadgets that mean more to us than many high-powered articles.

What has happened to the cute make-up mirrors that a girl could hang around her neck? This lift both her hands free and made it possible for her to back-up against any other mirror and see exactly what her hair and neck looked like behind.

In America, so I believe, you can buy a nail varnish remover that works on dresses, sheets, and towels without removing the fabric too. I'd give a lot for just one bottle. Who wouldn't?

People are always asking me how the manager of the Palladium or any other "fashion" theatre comes when he hears that royalty or, say, Mr. Churchill would like half a dozen stalls.

Does he contact the customers who've already bought the seats? He needs and implores them to help him out.

Very, very rarely.

In every theatre the owner and the producing manager retain the use of three or four pairs of seats each day throughout the run. If, by the end of the afternoon, they have not given them away to flourishing friends, they notify the box-office that these seats may now be sold.

Some box-office managers don't dare to sell them. They keep them against the all too frequent emergency when a ticket agent sells the seats twice over and infuriated customers have to be picked out of each other's laps.

Brightest moment of the week: A reader, Marie Tarbet, sent me a box of anemones from Torquay. With them was a little note saying that the flowers should revive if put in tepid water with a little charcoal and an aspirin.

While the rest of the office rushed round in search of the preservative, I opened a tiny packet in the bottom of the parcel. It contained a little charcoal and an aspirin.

Cake Expunged

Unconsidered ladies: If you feel equal to giving up the sweet coupons, try chopped Turkish Delight instead of sponge cake in a trifle.

The orchestra conductor in a theatre is the traditional butt of the comedian's wit. Celos and Johnson carry this to the final absurdity by having Harold Collins on to the London Casino stage twice nightly and pouring a jug of water down his throat.

Just to see if he can swallow it. The comedian's wit is not so much a joke as a cruel practical joke.

And the orchestra conductor is not so much a butt as a cruel practical joke.

For Morning Coffee

Butterscotch Cinnamon Rolls

One and a quarter cups milk, 1 cup yeast, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 cups flour, 2 tablespoons fat, 1/4 cup sugar.

Filling: Half cup butter, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 cup coconut, mixed well together.

Measure sugar, salt, shortening and milk. Heat to piping hot temperature (not scalding). Let cool to lukewarm and add beaten egg. Soak yeast in 1/2 cup of warm water for 10 minutes and add to the above mixture. Add flour to make a soft dough, knead smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl. Cover, and let rise until double in bulk. Knead lightly, roll out to 1/2 in. thickness. Spread with filling and roll out into rolls. Prepare pans by greasing with a layer of melted butter and brown sugar. Place in rolls and let rise until light. Bake 20 minutes in hot oven.

Coffee Cake In A Ring

Two cups flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1 cup sugar, 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, 1/2 teaspoon cloves, 1/4 cup shortening, 1 well-beaten egg, 1/2 cup milk.

Sift flour, salt, baking powder, sugar and spices. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Reserve 1/2 cup of this mixture. Add egg and milk to remainder. Mix lightly.

Pour into waxed-paper-lined 8 in. square pan. Top with reserved mixture. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup chopped walnuts. Bake in moderately hot oven (375 deg. F.) 40 minutes. Serve immediately.

Kissie Biscuits

Basic mixture as butterscotch rolls. Shape or cut with a cookie-cutter. Add jam on fruit to centre.

Balmain Has A Newer Look

Paris, Saturday
Pierre Balmain has achieved a "newer look" for the very wide skirt.

He has an immense width of full skirts with a smooth hip effect.

He calls it "The Ripple." The effect is obtained by clever cutting, which eliminates the bulk of material that the new cut is called "half bias."

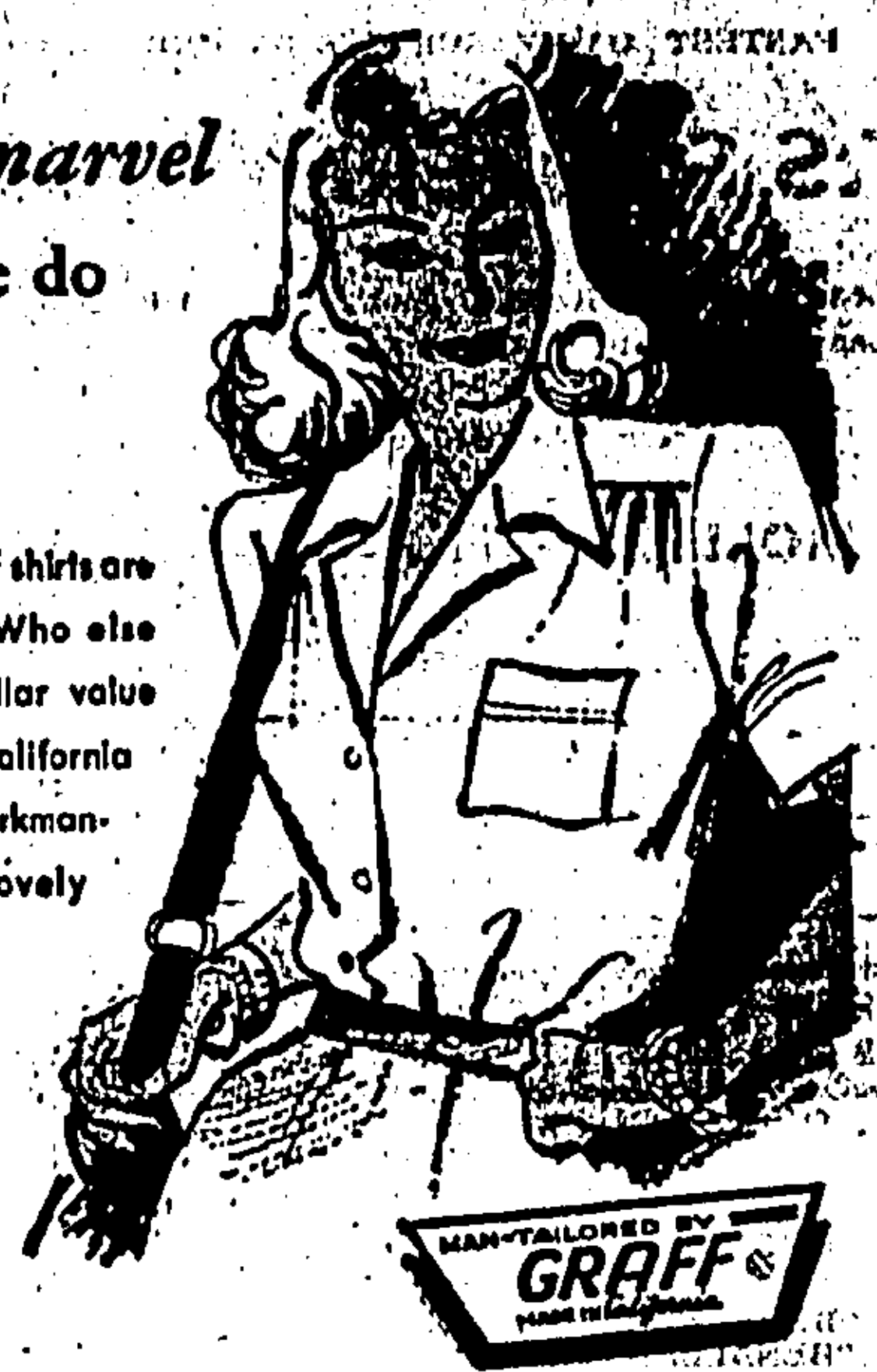
Balmain's new look is the result of his long experience with the fashion world. He has been in the business for many years and has seen many trends come and go.

His new look is a departure from the traditional full skirt. It is a more modern, more streamlined look that is sure to be popular with the fashion-conscious woman.

Balmain's new look is a testament to his skill and creativity as a designer. It is a look that is both elegant and modern, and it is sure to be a success.

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Through numbers (10 Races—\$20) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the last race as well as those for the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the Whistman Meeting in May, 1948. The latter may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

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Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27618).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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DE GAULLE BID FOR POWER

Ready To Assume Leadership Of Country

Return To Power In Few Weeks?

Paris, Mar. 7.
General Charles de Gaulle today altered the whole political situation in France by declaring that, as far as it lay with him, all was ready for him to assume the leadership of the country.

Political observers in Paris were forecasting that he might well be back in power within the next six weeks or so.

For the first time since he abandoned the Premiership in 1946, General de Gaulle made a public bid that the Government of France should once again be entrusted to him and his followers.

In his speech at Compiègne, 50 miles northeast of Paris, where both the 1918 Armistice and the Franco-German Armistice of 1940 were signed, he said: "As far as I am concerned, everything is ready to guide the country in the direction of salvation and greatness as soon as conditions allow."

This remark came right at the end of his 40 minute speech, which ranged over French, European and world problems, and seemed to be what the crowd of 60,000 men and women had been waiting for.

Tremendous applause and cries of "De Gaulle in Power" forced him to wait for several minutes before completing his sentence.

Today's pronouncement followed a clear hint given by General de Gaulle when he spoke at Beauvais last night. "Calling on France to stand firm so that the menace of war might be broken, he then said: 'In the face of this stern reality, I undertake to serve the country as you all did a short time ago.'"

Conditions
At Compiègne today, General de Gaulle added that his return to power was subject to conditions which would enable responsibility to be adequately borne.

These close to the general explained that these conditions involved the willingness of Parliament to be dissolved so that new elections could be held.

There is reason to believe that contacts between General de Gaulle and leading Parliamentarians of all parties, except the Communists, are now preparing the ground for this.

General de Gaulle called for military aid from the United States to support the Union of Western European states, including Germany, to counter the Soviet Union's "bid for domination."

Warning Flash
General de Gaulle said United States defence aid to Europe, "as precise and explicit" as the Marshall Plan economic aid.

was necessary to support a "period which would probably be the greatest in our history."

The General said that a Union of Western European states, with France as the focal point, would unite a population of 250,000,000 people and considerable material resources.

"The flash of lightning in Prague is a warning," he said. "Without falling into fatalism one can consider that we are, in one of those periods where everything is going to be decided and the turn of grave events will depend for a large part on what we French will be able to do in the coming days."

Under Menace

He said France was vacillating in a state of general disorder while under menace from both without and within.

He called France a "country menaced by separatists in the service of foreigners and who profit from the confusion of the state and from the irritation of all to foster activity, to aggravate all crises, to infect all wounds and prepare their dictatorship."

"Soviet Russia is making her bid for domination," he declared.

"It is necessary that there be formed among the free states of Europe an economic, diplomatic and strategic grouping, joining their productions, their monies, their exterior action and their means of defence."—Reuter and United Press.

LAVISH PLANNING FOR THE ROYAL TOUR

Sydney, Mar. 8.
Lavish plans are being made for the Royal tour in Australia next year. The Commonwealth Government is expected to spend more than £250,000 on the tour.

The tour of Australia and New Zealand will probably take four months.

Canberra officials expect that the King and Queen, who will be accompanied by Princess Margaret, will arrive in time to open the Federal Parliament in February 1949.

Labour Government and private members have expressed their glee that the Labour Gov-

MALAYS TO APPROACH U.N.

Singapore, Mar. 7.
A mass meeting of Malays decided here today to approach the United Nations against Siam's "false assimilation and repressive measures" against Malays in southern Siam.

A Malay minority of 700,000 in the four southern provinces of Yala, Pattani, Setul and Narathawas is reported to be agitating for union with the five-weeks old Malayan Federation.

Today's meeting elected a three-man delegation to see Lord Listowel, the Minister for Colonial Affairs, who is in Singapore.—Reuter.

Children May Be Evacuated

Athens, Mar. 7.
A full-scale evacuation from rebel-held or rebel-threatened areas of all Greek children between the ages of three and 14, probably running into tens of thousands, was discussed here today.

The Greek Red Cross and other welfare organizations which considered the matter over the weekend will confer tomorrow with the Minister of War and other members of the Greek Cabinet on urgent action on these plans.

The scheme was first suggested by Queen Fredericka on Friday.

The evacuation scheme follows allegations by the Greek Government that the rebels are systematically deporting Greek children into Slav countries.

The rebels give as their reason that the Greek Government's "blockade" makes it difficult for the Markos authorities to feed the children.—Reuter.

LABOUR LEFT WING REVOLT

Reading, Mar. 7.
The Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. Ian Mikardo, disclosed here tonight that he and other Labour Members intended to stage a "revolt" in the House of Commons next Wednesday when the Palestine Bill dealing with matters arising from Britain's departure from Palestine is discussed.

"Tomorrow there will be put on the Order paper a reasoned amendment to the rejection of the Bill," he said. "This amendment will be carried in a division, where we shall vote against the Government and we shall see how much conscience there is left in the Parliamentary Labour Party about these affairs."

Earlier, Mr. Mikardo had told a meeting here that the Government was "appearing" the Arab States in the Middle East at the expense of the Jews in Palestine.

He described the Palestine Bill as "the most totalitarian document I ever remember having read."

"If the Russians had produced the Bill, people would have been throwing fits all over the House of Commons," he added. "It puts any servant of the Crown outside the law."—Reuter.

Bulgarian Minister's Resignation

London, Mar. 7.
Professor Nikola Dolaptchieff, Bulgarian Minister in London, today announced his resignation, effective from 11.30 a.m. GMT today.

"I have resigned to regain my freedom in order to be able as a private individual to serve the interests of the Bulgarian people according to my political convictions and to work for the restoration of liberty and democracy in my country," the Minister said.

"What has recently occurred in Eastern and Central Europe, in Finland and Czechoslovakia, may make my task in London impossible," Professor Dolaptchieff added.—Reuter.

Sinks After Collision

Flushing, Mar. 7.
The 472-ton Dutch motor vessel Algrave, of Rotterdam, sank after colliding with the Panamanian steamer San Miguel in the West Scheldt today while on her way from Rotterdam to Antwerp.

The small son of the skipper of the Algrave was drowned but the ship's crew of nine were rescued by the Belgian tug Gollath.

No details of possible damage to the Panamanian steamer were immediately available.—Reuter.

SILVER SALVAGE IN MANILA

Manila, Mar. 8.
A local salvage company recovered 200,000 pesos in silver coins from Manila Bay during February, bringing the total amount of silver coins recovered from the Bay thus far to 11,000,000 pesos.

About 15,000,000 pesos in silver coins were jettisoned by the Government into the Bay early in 1941 to prevent their falling into Japanese hands.—United Press.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN SERVICE

Ship	Due from In Port	Sailing for
"TJISADANE"	Batavia, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar, 14th March.	
"TJIBADAK"	Amoy 11th March	Amoy 13th March Sailing for Manila & Amoy 14th March Sailing for Batavia, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar, 27th March.
"VALERIUS"	In port.	Manila, Macassar, Sourabaya, Semarang, Batavia 13th March.

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Ship	Due from In port	Loading for
"RUYS"	Sailing for Shanghai 5 p.m. 19th Mar.	Manila, Singapore, Batavia, Madras, Lourenco Marques, Belra, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Mombasa, Capetown, Buenos Aires, Monte- video, Santos, Rio de Janeiro, 25th March.

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Ship	South America	South Africa
"BOISSEVAIN"	South America 19th April.	South Africa end April.

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Ship	Due from	Sailing for
"HEINRICH JESSEN"	Swatow & Amoy 14th March	Singapore, Penang, Belawan, Deli, 14th March.

Ship	Belawan, Deli, Penang	Singapore, Penang, Belawan, Deli, 31st March
"VAN HEUTSZ"	21st March Sailing for Swatow & Amoy.	

Agents HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

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"GAASTERKERK"	Europe, on or about 12th March	

Ship	Europe, on or about	Manila, Singapore, Colombo, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Genoa, Marseilles, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Copenhagen, Gothenburg, Oslo early May.
"ALPHACCA"	Europe, on or about 2nd April.	

Ship	Europe, early May	Manila/Singapore Colombo/Suez/ Port Said/ Alexandria/ Genoa/Marseilles/ Antwerp/Rotterdam/ Amsterdam/Hamburg/ Copenhagen/ Gothenburg/Oslo early June.
"RIDERKERK"	Europe, early May	

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From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast	20th March	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
via	Early April	m.v. "MINORRO"
Pacific Coast	Early April	m.v. "RIEMLAND"

SAILINGS

From	Date	Vessel
Manila	20th March	m.v. "ESCALANTE"
Atlantic Coast	25th March	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
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Pacific Coast	Mid April	m.v. "BATAAN"

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'TRADE ZONE' IN FRISCO

City To Advertise Port Facilities

Move To Increase Import Volume

San Francisco, Mar. 8.

A foreign trade zone into which dutiable merchandise may flow without payment of duty or bond—will be established soon in San Francisco.

The charter ceremony for this step in this city's efforts to become the international capital of the west will take place on March 10 in Washington.

The city already has received approval for a world trade centre and recently it established a world affairs council.

The world trade centre, authorized by the State Legislature, will consist of a group of buildings in the downtown business area. The cost is estimated at around US\$60,000,000.

The new foreign trade zone is expected to increase the volume of imports and advertise San Francisco's port facilities to world traders in other countries. Only two other ports in the U.S. now have foreign trade zones—New York and New Orleans.

Advantages

About 250,000 square feet of space, all of it under one roof, will be provided in the foreign trade zone. The northern half of pier 46—one of the city's most modern—has been selected as the site. Two or three ships may unload there at a time. The entire pier will be made available if needed, doubling the space. The zone must be in operation within 90 days of the granting of the charter.

Into the zone will flow merchandise for trans-shipment and reexport. For grading, sorting or segregation of spillage or breakage. Goods may be broken into smaller lots, assembled, mixed or repacked. Such goods may be left in warehouses in the zone indefinitely and brought into the customs territory only when needed.

Exports

Merchandise may be manipulated or processed in the zone to take advantage of a favourable rate of duty. Whole dyed peas, for instance, may be split, enabling the importer to take advantage of a lower rate of duty than on the whole peas.

Another advantage is the storage of over quota shipments. These may be held in the zone until a new quota period rolls around.

Duties are paid only when the imports leave the zone and are ready for use. The zone also will facilitate certain export cargo. Shipments from various parts of the U.S., for instance, could be consigned to the zone for consolidation and preparation for export—Associated Press.

STEEL PRICES

Cleveland, Mar. 8. Uncertainty of trend of steel prices prevails despite assurances of leading industry executives that no general advance is contemplated, the magazine Steel reported on Sunday.

"Inflationary forces still are prevailing steel production costs upward," the trade journal said. "Further wage increases are just ahead. In these circumstances consumers are skeptical of price stability. Such skepticism is bound to prevail until the wage issue has been disposed of."—Associated Press.

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PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS

Washington, Mar. 7. Asserting that the Catholic Church had "entered the political arena," a group of Protestant Churchmen said they would fight in Congress and courts against any attempt to provide public funds for parochial schools.

The clergymen repeated an earlier charge that the Catholic hierarchy in the United States sought a "Church-State union," at least at the Public Treasury.

The Catholics have denied the charge.—United Press.

BOND PAYMENTS

Mexico City, Mar. 8. The Treasury Department announced Mexico plans to resume payments on foreign-held railway bonds in April. It said this would bring Mexico "up to date" in payments on foreign-held obligations.—Associated Press.

CURRICULUM WAS OBSOLETE

Teheran, Mar. 7. Approximately 800 Teheran University faculty members and students struck in protest against an "obsolete" curriculum.—United Press.

TRADE TALKS IN CAIRO

Paris, Mar. 7. The Commercial Attache of the French Embassy today began talks with Egyptian economic experts on preparations for drafting a new French-Egyptian economic pact.

Agency France Presse reported from Cairo.—Reuter.

GEYLON TALKS ON BALANCES

Colombo, Mar. 7. A delegation headed by Mr. J. R. Jayawardene, the Ceylon Finance Minister, will leave for Britain on March 21 to discuss Ceylon's sterling balances which, at the end of 1947, amounted to some 255 million.

Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, Minister for Home Affairs, will accompany the delegation, which, it is understood, will also discuss the question of foreign investments in Ceylon.—Reuter.

Zinc Rumours

New York, Mar. 8. Members of the zinc industry were disturbed by widespread reports that the U.S. Commercial Company, a subsidiary of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, had accepted at least 13 cents a pound, New York, for U.S. Government-owned Japanese zinc. Officials of the R.F.C. declined to disclose the price received for the zinc or the names of the purchasers.

Coincidentally, a heavy demand for zinc in the spot market resulted in the first actual trading in zinc futures since the market reopened in May last year. A total of 15 contracts, July, August, September, changed hands at 12 cents a pound—up 100 points from the previously established bid price.—Associated Press.

Gold eased off slightly yesterday. Opening at \$351.50 a tael it went up a fraction and then slid down to \$346. At the close it was firmer at \$348. Piastres opened at \$12.05 a 100, slid to \$11.95 and closed at \$12.00.

Chinese National Currency had a marketless day, with rates quoted nominal at 10% cents for futures and 18% cents for spot (for CN\$10,000).

Ticals eased off slightly to \$26.50 a 100, and NEI Guilders were unchanged at \$30.80 a 100. U.S. dollars continued in demand at \$5.68 for notes \$5.70 for drafts and \$5.83 for T.T. Sterling improved to \$12.85, and Australian pounds were quoted at \$12.53.

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"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 17th Mar.
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"SINKIANG"	Amoy, Swatow, Saigon, Spore,	
	& Penang	10 a.m. 18th Mar.
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	Sourabaya, Semarang,	
	Cebu, Batavia	10 a.m. 25th Mar.
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(Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila)
Mar. 10, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.
Mar. 13, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

San Francisco
(Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai)
Mar. 11, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.
Mar. 18, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

Sailon
Mar. 12, Air France, 2 p.m.
Singapore via Bangkok
Mar. 10, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.
Mar. 14, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.
Mar. 17, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Departures to:
Bangkok, Poole
Mar. 10, BOAC (Capt. Scadding), 8 a.m.
Manila
Mar. 10, Philippine Airlines, 1 p.m.
Mar. 11, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.
Mar. 13, Philippine Airlines, 12 noon
Mar. 15, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.

Shanghai
Daily, CNAC, 11.45 a.m.
Mar. 9, Philippine Airlines, 11 a.m.
Mar. 9, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.
Mar. 11, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

H.K. Airways, thrice daily:
9 a.m., 11.30 a.m. & 3.30 p.m.
San Francisco
(Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila)
Mar. 11, Pan-American, 8 a.m.
Mar. 15, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco
(Via Shanghai, Okinawa, Guam, Wake & Honolulu)
Mar. 12, Pan-American, 10 a.m.
Mar. 19, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

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MAIL NOTICE
Outward Mails

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TUESDAY, MARCH 2
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foochow, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3
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Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foochow, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
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THURSDAY, MARCH 4
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foochow, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foochow, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foochow, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foochow, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 8
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foochow, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foochow, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
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Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
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Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foochow, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foochow, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foochow, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
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Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 15
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
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Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
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Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foochow, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
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SATURDAY, MARCH 20
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Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
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MONDAY, MARCH 22
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
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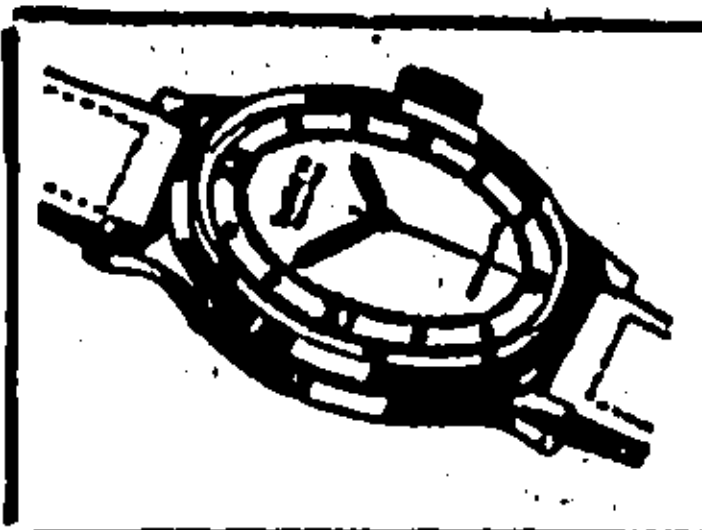
TUESDAY, MARCH 23
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24
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Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
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THURSDAY, MARCH 25
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
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Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Foochow, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Canton, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Shanghai, and other ports, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.)



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Italian Communists To Try Next?

By John M. Hightower

Washington, Mar. 8. State Department officials who say the Communists may make a big push in Italian elections next month, are urging faster action in Congress on the European recovery programme. The timing is of such concern in the Administration that it is understood to have come up for consideration at last Friday's meeting of the Cabinet—President Truman's first upon returning from his vacation.

Officials say the swift development of events in Europe is running ahead of American foreign policy. The Washington time table is off balance, they say. Diplomatic officials said today they were extremely pleased with the London conference decisions for greater American-British-French unity in Western Germany and the results of the five-nation conference at Brussels where foundations of a Western European Union are being laid. Both the London and the Brussels developments were described here as master moves in the strategy of the Western powers to block the westward drive of Russian-controlled Communism.

GRUESOME FAMILY MURDER

Kunming, Mar. 8. One of the most gruesome cases of mass family murder in local history was unearthed today as the police followed up clues discovered on the bodies of two sisters found at Szechuan in the eastern outskirts of the city on Feb. 27. The two bodies had been unidentified for some time. The police checked a school badge with the characters "Wen Ching" which eventually led to one Wang Nung-chih, a wealthy man. The two bodies were later identified as Wang's daughters. The police revealed that Wang had a wife and two daughters. She was questioned and in the course of the interrogation, it developed she had planned with her son to murder her husband and his mistress in order to gain possession of the family wealth. She also confessed that with the help of her son and brother-in-law, Tsai Hain-cheng, she willfully murdered Wang and his mistress in early February and the two daughters of the mistress—Central News.

Customs Little Too Suspicious

Portland, Mar. 8. Federal Customs officials solved today a case that appeared an attempt to smuggle contraband ashore—only to learn they were too suspicious. Officers and crew members of the freighter "Shanook," just in from Japan, were released after spending 12 hours on board under police surveillance. The whole thing started when a Customs guard saw a seaman toss a box to a man on shore as the freighter berthed. The recipient sped away in a car. Within a few minutes, a police manhunt of the city had been launched and the search of the freighter started. Members of the crew were not told what was happening. Hours later, police caught up with the man they had been seeking. He was at the pier where he had been waiting patiently for the crew to come ashore. Sergeant H.L. McDonald explained what happened. A seaman aboard was thirsty. He had tossed a box of a dozen bottles of beer to his motorist friend ashore—Associated Press.

Tokyo, Mar. 8. Two passengers of Kure University, Japan, today reported seeing a new comet during the night. They were in making a further observation tonight—Reuter.

Pepper On Palestine

Miami, Fla., Mar. 8. Senator Claude Pepper, Democrat, today advocated the sending of United Nations armed forces, including Americans, to Palestine if necessary to quiet the "Nazified rabble" of an Arab army. Sen. Pepper said whether or not the United Nations upholds its "solemn judgment" for partition depends on the "conscience" of the United States and Russia. "If it is necessary to implement the United Nations' decision by force of arms, I will vote for America to do her full share," he said. He added: "But we hope we could be spared such a decision." Sen. Pepper spoke at a Jewish appeal meeting—United Press.

AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC FUND

Sydney, Mar. 8. Following a donation of A£1,000 by the Victorian Government to the Australian Olympic Fund, it is probable that Denis Spencer, the middle distance swimmer, Nanki Lyons, the breast stroke star, and the cyclist Eaves will be added to the team of 24 already announced for the games. All three are from Queensland. A £500 today—Reuter.

BILLIARDS TITLE

Concord, N.H., Mar. 8. The first billiard title in the 1948 Republican Presidential race came in New Hampshire tomorrow. Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York and former Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota are matching strength at the polls in the opening round of the campaign. — Associated Press.

Scottish Rugby Fifteen

Edinburgh, Mar. 8. The Scottish Rugby 15 to play against England in the "Calcutta Cup" match at Murrayfield on March 20, shows five changes from the side beaten in Dublin. R. Finlay (Watsonians) is the only new "cap" in the team, which is: W. Murdoch (Hillhead High School Former Pupils); T. Jackson (London Scottish); J. Innes (Aberdeen Grammar School Former Pupils); A.N. Other, C. Drummond (Melrose); D. Hepburn (Woodford); A. Black (Edinburgh University); I. Henderson (Edinburgh Academical); G. Laidlaw (Gala); N. Campbell (London Scottish); W. Black (Glasgow High School Former Pupils); R. Finlay (Watsonians); W. Young (London Scottish); J. Lees (Gala); W. Elliot (Edinburgh Academical). The vacancy at centre (A.N. Other) will be filled at the weekend—Reuter.

CRC Tennis Tourney

The Chinese Recreation Club started its annual tennis tourney last Saturday on the C.R.C. hard courts, Causeway Road. It will take some weeks to decide who will be the best local Chinese tennis players. In the Junior Singles, there are 14 entries with Cheung Chau and Lee Kwik-kong as probable finalists. In the Senior Doubles, veteran Davis-cupper Paul Kong paired with Yip Koon-hung, (local Singles Champion of 1947 and recently returned from the States after several months' sojourn) will offer stiff opposition to the 1947 Doubles Champions, the Tsui brothers. There will also be keen rivalry between Yip Koon-hung, the Tsui brothers and Tsay Tien-tsook in the Senior Singles. Steady players like B. Szeto and Lee Wai-tong, of soccer fame, are also in the limelight.

Branch Rickey On The Spot

Cuidad Trujillo, Mar. 8. Spunky Eddie Stanky, long regarded as manager Leo Durocher's eventual successor on the Brooklyn Dodgers, was traded to the Boston Braves today for first baseman Ray Sanders, liability ballplayer trying to make a comeback after a year in retirement. The Dodgers also received \$50,000 in cash. The deal put Dodgers president Branch Rickey on the spot. It strengthened one of the two clubs that are expected to give the Dodgers the most trouble in their battle to repeat as pennant winners in the National League, and also left the Dodgers with a big hole in the infield, as Stanky is regarded as one of the best second basemen in the major leagues—United Press.

Teams

The team to represent St. Joseph's against Imbilikilling in their First Division League fixture at Sookunpoo on Saturday at 3 p.m. will be chosen from: MacDougall, Brown, B. Gosano, Rumbhah, Toledo, G. Gosano, Manson, W.C. Xavier, R. Rocha, Leonard, Gomes and Omar.

RAIN IN TUNISIA

Algiers, Mar. 8. Measures to produce artificial rain in Tunisia resulted in a fall of from one to four inches of rain. It was claimed that the rain was caused by the use of a "rain-making" machine. The machine was used in the region of the Kef, and rain fell on the mountains and the plain. The rain was much needed, as the region was suffering from a drought—Reuter.

Wildcats Make Up For Previous Defeats

(By "Grandstand")
The Wildcats put "paid" to their account with the Aces as they avenged their previous defeats with a 3-2 nose-out as the Big Three in the female loop near the wire.

It was not an easy victory as the Aces outthrew the Untamed Felines 3-2 but once again a tight defence paid dividends, the Cats erring four times, including two foul flies muffed by catcher Babida, while the Aces bungled five fielding chances. The only run of the franks batted in was when Girlie Gann chased in Celly Gutierrez in the sixth. Both sides scored a run each in the opening stanza, Margie Xavier tallying for the Aces on a walk, two stolen bases and a "passed" ball, while Thelma Watson received a life on Alec Mendonza's miff of a sure-catch and notched up a Wildcat run on two successive "passed" balls. Lefty Dolly Brown toting the rubber for the Cats was in rare form and whiffed three Aces in the next frame to leave a potential run stranded on base. In the Wildcat half of this inning Cynthia da Motta slashed out a single to left field after Peggy Barros had popped out, and when gardener Betty Baptista messaged up a throw-in, Cynthia Motta put the Cats ahead with a darling steal home. Angel Lima, who drew a pass, pilfered second and third, and as Girlie Gutierrez followed with a roller, Ange Lima added another marker. In the third chapter, the Aces had two runners on bases after Betty Baptista had fanned the breeze. Celly Gutierrez connected for a blooper which Cat short-stop Helen Ribeiro froze, for the second out. Girlie Gann, batting in the clean-up, was all set to chase in the tying runs but only managed to cut a slice of the ozone as Lefty Dolly Brown fogged over a knee-high pitch, and the Wildcats breathed easier again.

Next two innings were shut-out affairs, but in the sixth the Aces slimmed the lead as Celly Gutierrez chalked up a run on a wild throw helped by Girlie Gann's two-bagger. In this chapter two Ace scoring threats were snuffed as Girlie Gann and Inez Soares were both nailed at the far turn when they attempted to steal third base. The Cats were unable to score in their half of the sixth and the Aces came in for their last turn trailing one-run behind. Alec Mendonza looked over a strike and bunted foul on the next pitch. On the third pitch she lashed out and connected for a fly to right field that didn't fool gardener Ange Lima. Theresa Remedios, who returned to the fold after an absence of two months, stood still on the third strike for the second erasure. Sheila Silva, slightly worried about her batting average, was determined to be the heroine of the day, but it was not to be, as Helen Ribeiro snared her scorching grounder through the windy alley and tossed her out at first base.

"Canuck Chief Will Woo did a good job of umpiring behind the plate, calling balls and strikes in a most emphatic manner. Wildcat catcher Effie Babida, who lost her batting title to Melvie Soares last week, recovered that coveted honour last Sunday under most unusual circumstances. Both Babida and Soares failed to hit safely in three attempts during the Wildcat-Aces scuffle, but on account of the lesser times at bat Melvie's average dropped more than Effie's did. While these two were locked in a struggle, Ace third-sacker Girlie Gann has been gaining on them by leaps and bounds, being just a few points behind.

There is a saying that figures prove everything, so here are the averages of the Big Three:

Player	Games	At Bat	Runs	Hits	Errors	Avg.
Girlie Gann	11	44	11	48	1	.409
Melvie Soares	11	44	11	48	1	.409
Effie Babida	11	44	11	48	1	.409

While it has been considered desirable in view of present high costs, to defer printing the local rule book for general issue, the Secretary is always pleased to advise any member when it is available. As an instance, there was a visitor from a Shanghai Club who was not sure of his position—the rule, No. 23, says, broadly, that he is entitled to the privilege of the club, free of charge, for a period not exceeding one month in a year. The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club has reciprocal arrangements with the Shanghai, Hunan, Manila and Yunnan Golf Clubs, and any member desiring to take advantage is requested to contact the Secretary.

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WEEK-END SOCCER FIXTURES

The following are the football fixtures for the week-end—

Thursday
FIRST DIVISION
25th R.A. v Club
(Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)
Referee: F.A. Barretto.
Lineup: D.P. Lai/J. Day.

Saturday
FIRST DIVISION
R.A.F. v Kit Chee
(Navy, 3 p.m.)
Referee: J.G. Padley.
Lineup: C. Redman/A. Brogan.

Navy v Police
(Navy, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee: A. Brugan.
Lineup: W. Crawford/A. Guet.

St. Joseph's v Imbilik
(Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)
Referee: J. Ward.
Lineup: F.A. Barretto/A.M. Lee.

Huff v Sing Tao
(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee: A.F. Willis.
Lineup: A. Ribeiro/A.M. Lee.

Chinese A.A. v K.M. Bus
(Police, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee: J.F. Silva.
Lineup: A. Farmer/F.M. Xavier.

Eastern v South China
(C. Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee: C. Tunsall.
Lineup: Y.F. Mak/L. Frank.

St. Joseph's v South China
(H. Valley "I", 3 p.m.)
Referee: A. Leck.
Lineup: K.M. Bus v H.Q. Land Forces.

Police v M. Harrie
(Police, 5 p.m.)
Referee: A. Farmer.
Lineup: South China v R.A.S.C.

South China v R.A.S.C.
(C. Hill, 3 p.m.)
Referee: F.H. Bullock.
Lineup: Sing Tao v 25th R.A.

H. Valley "H", 3 p.m.
Referee: W. Gaffney.
Lineup: Chinese A.A. v Club.

H. Valley "H", 4.30 p.m.
Referee: J. Day.
Lineup: Chinese A.A. v Club.

Sunday
GOVERNOR'S CUP
Chinese F.A. v H.K.F.A.
(C. Hill, 3.30 p.m.)
Referee: L.G. Young.
Lineup: A. Guet/F.H. Bullock.

SECOND DIVISION
Dockyard v R.A.O.C.
(Club, 1 p.m.)
Referee: L. Harrie.
Lineup: W.D. Chinese v Eastern.

Club, 4.30 p.m.
Referee: Y.T. Leung.
Lineup: Talkoo v Kit Chee.

Navy, 3 p.m.
Referee: W. Crawford.
Lineup: Police v Navy.

Navy, 4.30 p.m.
Referee: M. Manzie.
Lineup: Signal v R.A.M.C.

Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.
Referee: N. Delgado.
Lineup: R.E.M.E. v Electric.

Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.
Referee: P. George.

K. OF C. GAMES

New York, Mar. 7. George Guida, of Villanova, won the featured Casey 600-yard run in the Knights of Columbus indoor games last night in 1 minute 12 seconds.

Herb McKenley, favourite for the 400 metres in the Olympics, was so badly beaten he did not even finish.

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BALLOT BOX TEST

Chicago, Mar. 8. Willie Hoppe retained his world's three cushion billiards title last night, defeating Argentine champion Argentino Chano in the 33rd annual final match of the challenge series. The 60-year-old American's total for the nine block series was 400 points to Navarro's 378. — Associated Press.

Baseball Training Round-Up

Los Angeles—The Cubs made it two straight over the White Sox yesterday on rookie outfielder Clarence Maddern's homer in the sixth which broke a 1-1 tie and gave the National League a 2-1 victory.

Los Angeles—Earl York, 21-year-old rookie from Des Moines, is making an impressive bid for a starting first base berth with the Cubs. He banged homers in both games against the White Sox.

Tucson, Ariz.—Outfielder Alvin Clark collected four hits to help Cleveland defeat the Giants 13 to eight in 10 innings.

Clubs v. Phillies—Ray Campanella, regarded by many as the international league's best catcher first season, is going to be tried in the outfield by Brooklyn.

Saint Petersburg, Fla.—Manager Eucly Harris' intention is to keep six outfielders for the Yankees. Joe Di Maggio will be in centre. Tommy Henrich in right and Charley Keller headed for left. The others are rookies Cliff Mages and Ed Stewart and Johnny Lindell who starred in the last World Series.

Orlando, Fla.—Jay Difanti, infielder from Augusta of the Sally League, is getting lots of attention at the Washington camp because he hits a long ball, something of a rarity among the Senators.

Pasadena, Calif.—Orval Grove, who won only six games last year for the White Sox, thinks he will have a good season for the Chicagoans this year.

Brantford, Ont.—The Braves were told today by Brooklyn Secretary Harold Parrott that Eddie Stanky made this comment after being traded to Boston: "The Dodgers will not win the pennant without me."—Associated Press.

LESNEVICH AND MILLS

London, Mar. 8. A fight between Gus Lesnevich, the American holder, and Freddie Mills, British and European Champion, for the world lightweight championship, in the open air in London in July, a few days before the Olympic Games, is being negotiated by promoter Jack Solomons.

Solomons, after trans-Atlantic telephone communication with Lesnevich's manager, Joe Yella, said that he expects to know within a few days whether his terms are acceptable to the American—Reuter.

Hamburg, Mar. 8. The Czechoslovak Consul-General in Hamburg, M.E.J. Hajny, has resigned his post as a result of the Czech crisis. It was learned here today—Reuter.

Saturday Handicaps

Following are the handicaps allotted in the 1st Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday—
2nd Race—Pineapple Handicap (1st Sec.) Class 3. One Mile. Amazon (147), Chesterfield (147), Desert Knight (145), Fort Knox (142), King of Peace (145), National Congress (149), Prince Olympic (147), Speedway (136), Sulphur (145), Victorious (143), Windermere (142).

3rd Race—Windy Handicap (1st Sec.) Class 5. Six Furlongs—Airfield (155), Blue Peter (152), Cassip (153), Constant Star (149), Pat Choy (149), Good Ship (142), Heron Lassie (145), Jackal (146), National Rifle (154), Pacific (147), Rife (147), Shatin (143), Strathmore (144), The Chief (154).

4th Race—Magazine Handicap (1st Sec.) Class 1. From the 1/4 Mile Post. Black Market (137), Blue Ribbon (140), Blue Sky (142), Daisy Bell (142), Good Ship (142), Heron Lassie (145), Jackal (146), National Rifle (154), Pacific (147), Rife (147), Shatin (143), Strathmore (144), The Chief (154).

5th Race—Customs Handicap (1st Sec.) Class 2. One and a Half Miles. Avalon (135), Crown Witness (144), Flying Jih (152), Hurricane (149), Lily (144), Panda (142), Uvray (149), Rose Emma (148), Royal Commissioner (151), Sugarfoot (152), Thunderbolt (147), V.J. Day (152).

6th Race—Pineapple Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 3. One Mile. Anyway (145), Boom Town (147), Flying Arrow (152), Larkspur (147), Liberation Star (147), Lovely Lily (151), Meteorologist (145), Valley (147), Sunlight (145), Sunshine (155), Tripoli (145).

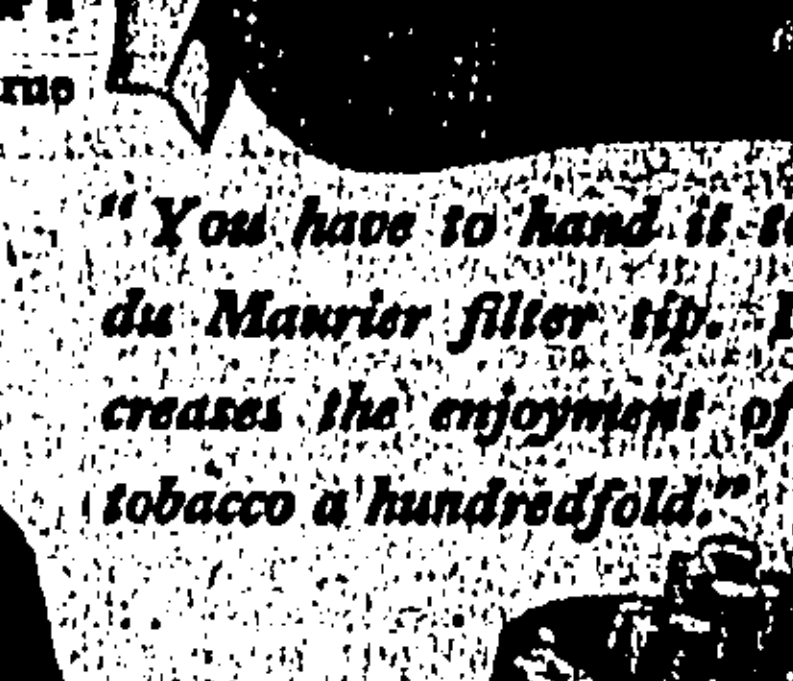
7th Race—Windy Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 5. Six Furlongs—Alfreco (144), Amigo (137), Arctic (147), Big Shot (147), Fluke Shot (141), Good Bay (144), Kelly (142), Miami Beauty (144), Priority (144), Richer (147), Souvenir (142), Tootsie (144), Towamba Boy (154), Trade Wind (154).

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